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### MESSAGE:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE AUTOMATIC SEPARATING AND INDEXING  
OF MULTI-SPEAKER CONVERSATIONS

Application No. 09/997,957

Examiner Huyen X. Vo

Art Unit 2655

Transmittal Letter

Petition and Fee for Extension of Time

Amendment

DE920000055US1

(590.080)

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Atty. Docket No. DE920000055US1  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Frank et al.  
Serial No. : 09/997,957 Examiner : Huyen X. Vo  
Filed : November 30, 2001 Group Art Unit : 2655  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE AUTOMATIC  
SEPARATING AND INDEXING OF MULTI-SPEAKER  
CONVERSATIONS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

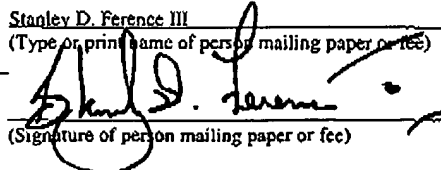
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- OR
2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted on (571) 273-8300 on July 18, 2006 to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Stanley D. Ference III  
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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Present Extra (Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY				OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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Claims							R			
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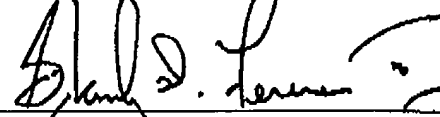
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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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 By   
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